

What Happens To The Gold Eggs?

James Dorais

Calls Dr. Rafferty Bravest Official Since Gov. Johnson

Good Time for Checkup

Cancer deaths and close calls from this dread disease among celebrities points up the threat to life human beings of all ages must live with, at least until there is a major break through to a long hoped for positive cure.

April is Cancer Month and it should follow that these weeks should prompt individuals to do something about themselves and others. Of course a gift to the Cancer Fund is in order but, more important, individuals will be doing their utmost by having a complete physical examination to learn with certainty that they are not walking around with the grim reaper.

Until the average individual has cracked the fear barrier of the complete physical examination (one that requires several days of hospitalization) his or her continued procrastination may be serious. More often, the results of the tests will send the "voluntary" patient home with a more vibrant step and a new outlook. Sometimes corrective living procedures are well advised and easy to follow.

The other barrier—costs of the complete physical—restrains many who should change their attitude from insisting they can't afford it to "I can't afford not to."

'I Believe in ...'

This government's fiscal affairs—and proposed fiscal policy—have taken on an Alice-in-Wonderland quality, complete with the Mad Hatter.

It was officially predicted that there would be a small budget surplus, of about \$500 million, during the 1963 fiscal year. Now Secretary of the Treasury Dillon says there will be a deficit approaching \$9 billion. With all due allowance for the hazards implicit in fiscal forecasts, this is quite a difference. And that is not all.

A tax cut, resulting in a net reduction of federal revenues of \$10 billion, is a primary Administration objective. The result, in fiscal 1964, would be a \$12 billion deficit. That's what the estimates say. But if they happen to be wrong again by the current \$9 billion figure, the deficit would be \$21 billion. The inflation that could follow would wipe out any individual or business tax savings a dozen times over.

In 1960, President Kennedy—then a senator in quest of presidential nomination—said: "I believe in the balanced budget and the only conditions on which I would unbalance the budget would be if there were a grave national emergency or a serious recession."

One can search the horizon without discovering conditions that fit that qualification. The President's 1960 statement should be the guideline to present fiscal policy.

You Gussed It

Last fall the United States gave up plans to purchase a Swiss chalet for our Embassy on the grounds it was too expensive. You gussed it. India, which has had \$4.6 billion in U. S. foreign aid and a two-timing ally if there ever was one, found the money to buy it recently. American taxpayers may well project themselves into the role of the creditor who has made an unpaid loan to a "friend" who sees the man's wife sporting a new mink coat, drive by in a brand new pink automobile. Of course he sees red and so should the American taxpayers.

Opinions of Others

PRENTISS, MISS., HEADLIGHT: "One of the greatest tragedies of the times is the weakening of the moral fiber of the American people by a government that assumes they do not have the sense or the initiative to do things for themselves. . . ."

TUCKER, GA., DEKALB TRIBUNE: "It has been said that the power of words is one of the world's most potent powers and judging from what it costs to put words on paper for the public to read, the statement doesn't surprise us. Fortune Magazine reports that it costs \$2 for every word of the magazine prints. Before his tragic death, Ernest Hemingway was paid up to \$1 per word for his writings."

MAILBOX

Why Childless Parents Should Vote School Bonds

Many childless Torrance residents vote against school measures such as the Bonds scheduled for the April 16 election because they feel they have no stake in the education of youngsters. I would like to emphasize two usually neglected reasons why they do have a stake in good, efficiently operated school systems — why they should vote "yes" for the Bonds.

The first reason is quite positive. It is generally accepted knowledge that the greater the individual's educational attainment, the more money he will earn in a lifetime. Translated into other terms, it means that for his greater financial reward he will contribute more production or services to our community. This contribution, in effect, will raise the standard of living of all people in our community. For every person who, through increased education, becomes a more skilled mechanic, a better aircraft worker, a more efficient bookkeeper, a teacher, a doctor, etc., the standard of living for all will be raised by the amount of that individual's increased contribution.

Sincerely,
Merle B. Marks
Torrance



ROYCE BRIER

Foreign Aid to Ingrates In for Maytime Airing

President Kennedy's "winter of discontent" connotes a considerable difficulty with his program, a tax cut, for instance.

It may be early to discuss it, but much more "discontent" could conceivably appear when Congress gets around to foreign aid, perhaps in May. It probably won't be his fault, as even Presidents have only a 24-hour day, but much fault will lie within the vast labyrinth of foreign aid administration, which has now, with an age of fifteen grown-up years, become tradition-bound and dislocated.

Possibly a score of nations that don't deserve our aid are getting it, thus reducing aid to nations that deserve more. The undeserving are not so because they are bad people, but because their leaders, whether by chance or force of circumstance, are working against our free cause.

A foremost example is Indonesia.

Talk of the World

Brazil's Strange Traffic Laws Encourage Hit-Run

RIO DE JANEIRO—Approximately 10,000 persons are knocked down by cars in Rio's congested streets annually, and authorities feel that it is about time to do something about it.

Actually, the number of car victims is probably even higher. Many accidents without serious consequences never come to the knowledge of authorities.

The driver involved in an occurrence flees invariably because a law in this country practically forces him to do so, and victims hate bothering the police—first because it is normally useless, and secondly because it entangles the victim in a lot of red tape.

The strange law which forces a driver to flee when he involuntarily causes an accident, instead of aiding his victim, says that if he happens to be identified after fleeing, he cannot be arrested before trial — and court agendas are so congested that trial will not take place before a couple of years.

But if he is caught on the spot of an accident, perhaps he will be arrested and will have to wait in jail for his trial in a distant future. If the victim dies or is seriously hurt, he cannot even be released on bail.

Most people agree theoretically that the legal system is open to objections.

nesia. The country is on the verge of bankruptcy, due to fiscal irresponsibility, with built-in deficits and inflation. Millions in loans, some from the United States, have been poured down ratholes to support President Sukarno's prestige and magnify his power.

But Indonesia has just contracted for three new American jetliners at \$20 million, though the government airline has lost money since inception. Indonesia is about to sign an agreement with the United States for a \$17 million loan. The dispatch calls this an "emergency" loan to bolster the economy, but all loans to Indonesia are "emergency" loans.

Meanwhile, Sukarno admires Red China, foments revolt against a proposed Malayan federation supported by Britain, our ally, and refers to us as "imperialists." Bad names won't hurt us, but they do manifest the reality.

Such shell-outs are a formed habit of the gorged personnel of foreign aid administration across the world.

South Vietnam is another case, a little different. We have a peanut war going there against Communist guerrillas. We make scant headway, if any, but are daily promised future victory. We say the South Vietnamese are now dogging it. No American likes this war, and no one stops it.

They have a waspish female there, Mme. Ngo Dinh Nhu, sister-in-law of President Diem. She makes waspish speeches against Americans, while her country takes their aid, including civilian aid running into millions.

There are plenty of nations needing, and deserving, our \$3.5 to \$4 billion aid. So why hand out half a billion to a billion of it to nations which despise us and our cause? The question is likely to come before the Congress this year as never before.

to tip, but for the foiled bet.

According to the amount of the loss, the car is apt to be more or less seriously damaged sooner or later in an otherwise unexplained maneuver or it may disappear entirely. The watchman may not be a thief, but he might not look when the thief shows up.

Quote

"The big trouble with success today is the government divides it with you."—George B. Bowra, Atzec (N. M.) Independent Review.

"A miracle drug is any medicine you can get the kids to take without screaming." — E. M. Remsburg, Vista (Calif.) Press.

"Highway sign in North Haven, Conn. 'Driver who has one for the road has state trooper as chaser.'"—Harold S. May, Florence (Ala.) Herald.

"Bargain sale: An event at which a woman ruins one dress while she's buying another." — Dale Holdridge, Langford (S.D.) Bugle.

"These International Treaties are like our poor relations, one never hears of them until they're broke." — John L. Teets, Richwood (W. Va.) Nicholas Republican.

Dr. Max Rafferty, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, is probably the bravest man to hit Sacramento since Governor Hiram Johnson.

In calling for an investigation of allegations that an "imbalance to the left" exists in the political science and economics departments of State Colleges, he must have known he was asking for trouble. The reaction has been predictably violent, including a demand by the California State College Professors Regional Legislative Conference that Rafferty resign.

Mildly, Dr. Rafferty merely commented that the professors were confused; he didn't question their right to demand his resignation. He did not accuse them of being inspired by sinister motives, as Gov. Pat Brown has accused individuals who have written to protest the reappointment of publisher Thomas Braden to the State Board of Education.

Actually, the controversy over possible imbalance in the schools and the controversy over the Braden reappointment have a good deal in common.

There are teachers — and not just in the State Colleges — who allow their political passions to override their educational responsibilities; who feel the challenge to attempt to re-mold the thinking of students who come from homes where the political orientation is different from their own, who explain all the arguments on one side of a controversial question but neglect to present the arguments on the other side, who make it clear that passing marks depend on agreement with their point of view.

Understandably, there are some parents who consider this brainwashing, and resent it.

The Braden controversy ostensibly is concerned with who should have the power and responsibility to establish State educational policy—the elected State Superintendent of Public Instruction, or the Governor-appointed State Board of Education. But its roots are deeper than that.

Braden is an active member of the Governor's political team. Dr. Ralph Richardson, Rafferty's opponent last fall, also was a member of the Governor's political team. Braden, and all the members of the Board but one, took the unprecedented action of campaigning for Richardson.

Ironically, the members of the present State Board of Education, from the standpoint of those who believe in the academic upgrading of the school system, have done an excellent job. On most issues, they share Dr. Rafferty's basic philosophy. They opposed his election, not on educational grounds, but for partisan political considerations.

That is what the shouting is all about. Partisan politics were ignored by the voters

Strength for These Days (From The Bible)

Christ will shine upon thee.—(Eph. 5:14)

We have but to let the Christ light shine in our minds and hearts to attain the relaxation that results from the way its serene radiance dissolves all tension and sense of strain.

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who elected Dr. Rafferty. In so doing, they reaffirmed what the great majority of people believe: that the purpose of the schools is to educate children, not subject them to partisan political pressures.

Around the World With DELAPLANE

"Could you suggest a moderate hotel in Dublin in Ireland and several restaurants?"

Hotel prices have been going up in Dublin. No longer the bargain city it was. I think possibly Jury's would be your best bet. Remodeled recently but the rates haven't gone up as much as the better known places.

Jammet's is still the best restaurant. (I didn't find restaurant prices had gone too high.) This is old-fashioned pub sort of atmosphere alongside the Liffey river. You could also try Dolphin. Or the Red Bank which specializes in Dublin Bay oysters.

"How do you get road maps in Europe? From gas stations?"

Sometimes the gas stations have them. But gas stations are rare. The usual gas supply is a wind-up hand pump on a village street. The proprietor hates to give anything away—even if he gets it free.

AAA officers have very good maps of Europe. I take them with me. Their "Motoring in Europe" handbook is excellent, too.

You might keep in mind that gasoline costs about 90 cents a gallon. But some countries—(France and Italy)—allow you gasoline coupons at a reduced rate. You apply through auto clubs. Here or in those countries.

"We go through Fiji on our trip and remember you wrote about a small yacht cruise . . ."

That would be 'Trevor Withers' "Blue Lagoon" cruise of two and four days into the primitive Yasawa Islands. About \$100 for everything including the kava you drink with the native chiefs.

In a report from Robin Kinkead of Pan American Airways who was just there: "There are two yacht trips to the Yasawas now. The 'Blue Lagoon' and a 112-foot motor yacht 'Stardust'. About \$25 a day with meals.

"You can fly by small plane from Nadi Airport now to Korolevu. It's a first-rate resort hotel. Fine beach, dancing, entertainment, riding, fishing. Rates run \$10 to \$15 with all meals included."

"These are real lush South Seas islands with all the warm sun, blue sea, coco palms and coral beaches. Six hours by Pan Am jet from Honolulu enroute to Australia or New Zealand."

"You mention that Mallorca is getting crowded. Where can we go for three weeks in the summer in Spain? How about the south coast?"

Mallorca lands 120 planes a day in the season and the Costa del Sol in the south is getting stylish and expensive. The island of Ibiza (south of Mallorca) is still not too well known.

But I would try one of the beach towns south of Lisbon. Good food, good sun, good beaches and much undiscovered. So prices are very low.

"Where in Mexico? We like sun, some swimming and we like to play golf . . ."

Best list on this is sent free by writing Sanborn's Travel Service, McAllen, Texas, for their list of golf courses in Mexico. Then you can pick a town with the swimming and sun too. Golf is a little new in Mexico.

"Please give us an unusual restaurant—small—in Paris. Not the Tour d'Argent type . . ."

Up the alley at 30 Rue Faubourg St. Honore (couple of blocks from the Place de la Concorde at the foot of the Champs Elysees)—there is a small excellent restaurant called "Auberge de la Truite." (Closed in August.)

Another I think you'll like in summer. Have the taxi driver take you up on the hill to the Place de la Terte. There's a tree-shaded square with tables. Get the ones served by Chez Eugene or La Mere Catherine.

Stan Delaplane finds it impossible to answer all of his travel mail.

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Morning Report:

That last scream you heard came all the way from Brazil. Our State Department said there were Communists in their government, and President Goulart didn't like it.

But I suppose our diplomats in Washington won't lose too much sleep. After all, in recent months, they have also managed to alienate France because de Gaulle refused our submarine missiles. And Canada because Diefenbaker refused our air missiles.

Still, Mr. Kennedy should not despair. There are still 110 nations left. And even if all of those should get sour at us, let's not panic. Almost any day of the week somebody somewhere is setting up a new capital.

Abe Mellinkoff